

FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
301 S. Park Ave., 4th Floor Large Conference Room, Helena MT
10:00 a.m. to
December 1, 2022

1. Call To Order - Establish Quorum - Introduction of Board & Staff Members Present (00:00:41)

Board Members Present:

Ruhul Amin
Ron Drake, Presiding Officer
Wally Gladstone
Pat Goodover
Ray Gross
Trou Jensen, Secretary
Tom Pankratz, Vice-Presiding Officer
Byron Stahly

Board Staff Present:

Michelle Peterson-Cook, Department Counsel
Sam Hunthausen, Executive Officer II
Jay Unsworth, Executive Officer I

2. Approval and Tentative Modification of Agenda Order (00:01:35)

MOTION: (01:58) Ray Gross moved to adopt agenda as noticed. Byron Stahly seconded. The motion carried.

3. Public Opportunity to Comment (00:02:28)

The Presiding Officer read the statement. Ray Gross gave comment regarding the Clerk and Recorder of Beaverhead County refusing to file a plat, citing Montana Code Annotated 76-3-404.

4. Board Action

a. Non-routine Comity Applications (00:14:35)

i. John Harrington, PEL-PE-APP-84438 (tabled, new information received) (00:52:06)

MOTION: (00:52:26) Tom Pankratz Moved to un-table the application. Ruhul Amin seconded. The motion carried.

MOTION: (01:26:28) Tom Pankratz moved to re-table the application pending further clarifying information from NCEES relating to the Credentials Evaluation of the applicant's education. Ray Gross seconded the motion.

ii. Phil Reimer, PEL-LS-APP-84342 (02:02:46)

MOTION: (02:04:42) Mr. Troy Jensen to approve the applicant to sit for the Montana state-specific land surveyor examination. Byron Stahly seconded. The motion carried.

iii. Sean Pic-Kell, PEL-PE-APP-83342 (00:15:02)

MOTION: (18:31) Byron Stahly moved to approve the application by comity. Wally Gladstone seconded. The motion carried.

iv. Curtis D'Angelo, PEL-PE-APP-84328 (1:28:07)

MOTION: (01:58:41) Tom Pankratz moved to approve the application under the consideration that the applicant's education is substantially equivalent to the board's qualifying curricula as defined in ARM24.183.303. Byron Stahly seconded. The motion carried.

v. Calder Morrison, PEL-PE-APP-85409 (19:36)

MOTION: (27:49) Tom Pankratz moved to approve the application by comity. Troy Jensen seconded. The motion carried.

vi. Hussein Wajdi, PEL-PE-APP-85558 (02:11:18)

MOTION: (02:21:32) Byron Stahly moved to table the application pending receipt of clarifying information relating to the applicant's qualifying education and substantial equivalency tables comparing the other licenses he holds. Ray Gross seconded. The motion carried.

b. Non-routine Exam Applications

i. Kurt Tibbals, PEL-LS-APP-75775 (tabled, no new information)

No action taken.

ii. Nicholas Lawrence, PEL-PE-APP-79359 (tabled, no new information)

No action taken.

iii. Joel Boucher PEL-PE-APP-85111 **(30:40)**

MOTION: (50:24) Ray Gross moved to approve the applicant to sit for the NCEES Principles & Practices of Engineering exam. Ruhul Amin seconded. The motion carried.

c. Election of Officers for 2023 (02:24:24)

i. Public Opportunity to Comment

ii. Board Discussion and Action

1. Presiding Officer

Byron Stahly nominated Tom Pankratz. Tom Pankratz elected unanimously.

2. Vice-Presiding Officer

Ruhul Amin nominated Wally Gladstone. Wally Gladstone declined the nomination. Tom Pankratz nominated Troy Jensen. Troy Jensen elected unanimously.

3. Secretary

Tom Pankratz nominated Ray Gross. Ray Gross elected unanimously.

d. Travel (02:35:12)

i. National Council for Examination of Engineers and Surveyors All Zone Meeting, Houston, Texas, April 27-29, 2023

1. Public Opportunity to Comment

No public present gave comment.

2. Board Discussion and Action

Ruhul Amin, Ray Gross, Tom Pankratz, and Pat Goodover expressed interest in attending.

e. Montana Land Surveyor Exam Administration Contract (02:38:07)

i. Public Opportunity to Comment

No public present gave comment.

ii. Board Discussion and Action

Ray Gross, Troy Jensen, and Wallace Gladstone agreed to participate in content review and contracting process for exam administration.

f. Concept: Expand Review of Land Surveying Education Programs (02:57:18)

i. Public Opportunity to Comment

No public present gave comment.

ii. Board Discussion and Action

Board approved staff to continue with project to expand list of pre-approved education programs for land surveyors.

5. Committee Reports (03:06:58)

- a. Joint Engineers Conference—Byron Stahly and Sam Hunthausen

6. Meeting Planning (03:08:47)

- a. March 9, 2023 Full Board/Screening/Adjudication
- b. June 8, 2023 Full Board/Screening/Adjudication
- c. September 7, 2023 Full Board/Screening/Adjudication
- d. December 7, 2023 Full Board/Screening/Adjudication

7. Correspondence (03:09:01)

- a. NCEES Western Zone President

8. Executive Officer Report—Sam Hunthausen (03:10:08)

- a. Budget Report
- b. Exam Report and Licensing Statistics: Q3 2022
- c. Educational Sessions on Red Tape Relief through 2023 Legislative Session
- d. Division Updates

9. Adjourn (03:15:07)

Ron Drake declared the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.